

**PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**PRODUCT FROM COUNTRY**

*Return completed questionnaire to:*

**UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**

Office of Investigations, Room 615  
500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436

**So as to be received by the Commission by no later than INSERT DATE**

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its **countervailing duty/antidumping** investigation concerning **PRODUCT** from **COUNTRY** (inv. No. **701/731-TA-xxx (Preliminary/Final)**). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII. This report is mandatory and failure to reply as directed can result in a subpoena or other order to compel the submission of records or information in your possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)). Further information on this questionnaire can be obtained from **ECONOMIST (202-205-xxxx)**.

Name of firm \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_  
World Wide Web address \_\_\_\_\_

Has your firm purchased **PRODUCT** (as defined in the instruction booklet) from any source (domestic or foreign) at any time since January 1, 1999?

- ☐ **NO** (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)  
☐ **YES** (Read the instruction booklet carefully, complete all parts of the questionnaire, sign the certification, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)

**CERTIFICATION**

*I certify that the information herein supplied in response to this questionnaire is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and understand that the information submitted is subject to audit and verification by the Commission.*

*By signing this certification I also grant consent for the Commission, and its employees and contract personnel, to use the information provided in this questionnaire and throughout this investigation in any other import-injury investigations conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise. (If you do not consent to such use, please note the certification accordingly.)*

*I acknowledge that information submitted in this questionnaire response and throughout this investigation may be used by the Commission, its employees, and contract personnel who are acting in the capacity of Commission employees, for developing or maintaining the records of this investigation or related proceedings for which this information is submitted, or in internal audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations of the Commission pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3. I understand that all contract personnel will sign non-disclosure agreements.*

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*Name and Title of Authorized Official*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Authorized Official*

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*Phone*

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**PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS**

The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average **XX** hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire. Send comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436.

- I-1. Please report below the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of preparing the reply to this questionnaire and completing the form.

\_\_\_\_\_ hours                      \_\_\_\_\_ dollars

- I-2. Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire (see page 3 of the instruction booklet for reporting guidelines). If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.

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- I-3. Is your firm owned, in whole or in part, by any other firm?

☐ No                      ☐ Yes--List the following information.

<u>Firm name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Extent of ownership</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

- I-4. Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which are engaged in importing **PRODUCT** from **COUNTRY** into the United States or which are engaged in exporting **PRODUCT** from **COUNTRY** to the United States?

☐ No                      ☐ Yes--List the following information.

<u>Firm name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS--Continued**

I-5. Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which are engaged in the production of **PRODUCT**?

☐ No

☐ Yes--List the following information.

Firm name
Address
Affiliation


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**PART II.--PURCHASES**

II-1. Report, as indicated below, your firm's purchases (either directly or through a sales agent or broker) of **PRODUCT**. Report based on delivery date, not order date.

<i>(Quantity in SPECIFY UNITS, value in \$1,000)</i>				
Item	1999	2000	2001	Jan.-Mar. 2002
<b>PURCHASES FROM U.S. PRODUCERS:</b>				
<i>Quantity</i>				
<i>Value</i>				
<b>PURCHASES FROM COUNTRY:</b>				
<i>Quantity</i>				
<i>Value</i>				
<b>PURCHASES FROM ALL OTHER COUNTRIES:<sup>1</sup></b>				
<i>Quantity</i>				
<i>Value</i>				
<sup>1</sup> Please identify these countries: _____				
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**PART II.--PURCHASES--Continued**

- II-2. If the relative shares of your firm's total purchases of **PRODUCT** from different sources (both domestic and foreign) have changed in the last three years, please list the country, state whether the relative share from that country has increased or decreased, and state the reason.

Country	Increase/decrease	Reason

- II-3. If your firm has purchased **PRODUCT** from only one country, please explain the reasons for doing so.

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**PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES**

- III-1. Which of the following best describes your firm as a purchaser of **PRODUCT** (check all that apply, noting the specific end uses if known)?

- ☐ **END USER TYPE 1** (\_\_\_\_\_)
- ☐ **END USER TYPE 2** (\_\_\_\_\_)
- ☐ **DISTRIBUTOR** (\_\_\_\_\_)
- ☐ **Other** (\_\_\_\_\_)

- III-2. If your firm is a distributor or reseller of **PRODUCT**, what are the major types of consumers to which you sell **PRODUCT**?

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**PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued**

- III-3. List, in order of quantity of **PRODUCT** consumed, the top 5 end-use products for which your firm purchases **PRODUCT** as a component part or material input. Please indicate what percentage of the total cost is accounted for by **PRODUCT**.

<u>End use product</u>	<u>Percent of cost accounted for by <b>PRODUCT</b></u>
1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____
4. _____	4. _____
5. _____	5. _____

- III-4. If your firm is an end user of **PRODUCT**, has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating **PRODUCT** changed since January 1, 1999?

☐ No      ☐ Yes--Please indicate the direction of change and identify the major factors that have contributed to this change. Describe the ways in which this change has affected your firm's purchases of **PRODUCT**.

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- III-5. Are there other products that could be substituted for **PRODUCT** in its end uses?

☐ No      ☐ Yes--Please identify such substitutes. If multiple end uses exist for **PRODUCT**, please discuss potential substitutes for each of the end uses.

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- III-6. Since January 1, 1999, have prices for these substitute products increased, decreased, or remained the same relative to those for **PRODUCT**? Have changes in these relative prices caused your firm to shift purchases from **PRODUCT** to the substitute products or vice versa?

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**PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued**

III-7. Do you compete for sales to your customers with the manufacturers or importers from which you purchase **PRODUCT**?

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III-8. Are you aware whether the **PRODUCT** you are purchasing is U.S.-produced or imported?

☐ Always                      ☐ Usually                      ☐ Sometimes                      ☐ Never

III-9. Do you know the manufacturer of the **PRODUCT** that you purchase?

☐ Always                      ☐ Usually                      ☐ Sometimes                      ☐ Never

III-10. To your knowledge, are your buyers aware of and/or interested in the country of origin of the goods you supply them?

☐ Always                      ☐ Usually                      ☐ Sometimes                      ☐ Never

III-11. How frequently do you make purchases (circle one) ?

daily      weekly      monthly      other (\_\_\_\_\_)

III-12. Has this purchasing pattern changed significantly in the last 3 years, and, if so, how?

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III-13. How many suppliers do you generally contact before making a purchase?

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**PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued**

III-14. How frequently do you change suppliers?

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III-15. If you have changed suppliers within the last 3 years, please list the supplier, indicate whether the firm was added or dropped as a supplier, and give the reasons for the change.

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III-16. Are you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have entered the market in the last 3 years?

☐ No

☐ Yes--Please identify the firms and indicate how you become aware of them.

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III-17. What characteristics does your firm consider when determining the quality of a supplier's **PRODUCT**?

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III-18. Please list, in order of their importance, the three major factors generally considered by your firm in deciding from whom to purchase **PRODUCT** for any one order (examples include current availability, extension of credit, prearranged contracts, price, quality of product, range of supplier's product line, traditional supplier, etc.).

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2. 

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3. 

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Other factors or comments: 

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**PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued**

III-19. How often does your firm purchase the **PRODUCT** that is offered at the lowest price?

☐ Always    ☐ Usually    ☐ Sometimes    ☐ Never

III-20. Generally, when you make a purchase does your supplier set the terms, or are terms negotiable?

☐ Supplier sets    ☐ Negotiable

III-21. Please list the names of any firms you considered price leaders in the **PRODUCT** market during January 1999-March 2002. A price leader is defined as (1) one or more firms that initiate a price change, either upward or downward, that is followed by other firms, or (2) one or more firms that have a significant impact on prices. A price leader does not necessarily have to be the lowest priced supplier. For those firms identified as a price leader, please specify the time period in which a price change was communicated, whether the price change was upward or downward, and whether it covered a specific geographic region or a specific product type.

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III-22. Please describe how the above firm(s) exhibited price leadership.

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III-23. Since 1999, how frequently has the price of the **PRODUCT** you are purchasing changed?

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III-24. Of the total cost of the **PRODUCT** that your firm purchases, approximately what percent is accounted for by U.S. inland transportation costs (please answer separately for each of your sources)?

Source \_\_\_\_\_ percent

Source \_\_\_\_\_ percent

Source \_\_\_\_\_ percent

**PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued**

III-25. Do you require your suppliers to become certified or prequalified with respect to the quality, chemistry, strength, or other performance characteristic of the **PRODUCT** they sell to your firm?

☐ No

☐ Yes--Approximately what percent of your firm's total 2001 purchases of **PRODUCT** required some form of certification or pre-qualification? \_\_\_\_\_ percent. Please provide a general description of the **PRODUCT** purchased by your firm that requires supplier certification.

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III-26. Briefly describe the factors that are considered when qualifying a new supplier (e.g., quality of product, reliability of supplier, etc.) and estimate the time it takes to qualify a new supplier.

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III-27. Since January 1, 1999, have any domestic or foreign producers ever failed in their attempts to qualify their **PRODUCT** with your firm or have any producers lost their approved status?

☐ No

☐ Yes--Please identify these firms, the countries where they are located, and the reasons why they failed the qualification process.

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III-28. Does your firm purchase **PRODUCT** over the internet?

☐ No

☐ Yes--Please describe, noting the estimated percentage of your firm's total purchases of **PRODUCT** in 2001 accounted for by internet purchases.

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**PART IV.--COMPARISONS BETWEEN IMPORTED AND U.S.-PRODUCED PRODUCT**

IV-1. Please indicate the countries of origin for **PRODUCT** for which your firm has actual marketing/pricing knowledge.

☐

United States

☐

**COUNTRY**

☐

Other countries (Please specify \_\_\_\_\_)

IV-2. Do the specifications of **PRODUCT** vary depending on the end use application?

☐

No

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Yes--Please list the specifications of the material for each end-use application. If the specifications vary based on the supplier, please list the product specifications for each supplier, noting the country of origin in your response.

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IV-3. Are imported and domestically produced **PRODUCT** used in the same applications? Please answer for all country combinations you are familiar with (as indicated in your response to the first question in Part IV), including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries.

\_\_\_\_\_ vs \_\_\_\_\_

☐

Yes

☐

No--Please explain below.

\_\_\_\_\_ vs \_\_\_\_\_

☐

Yes

☐

No--Please explain below.

\_\_\_\_\_ vs \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes

☐

No--Please explain below.

\_\_\_\_\_ vs \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes

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No--Please explain below.

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**PART IV.--COMPARISONS BETWEEN IMPORTED AND U.S.-PRODUCED  
PRODUCT--Continued**

- IV-4. Do you or your customers ever specifically order **PRODUCT** from one country in particular over other possible sources of supply?

☐ No

☐ Yes--Please identify all relevant countries (including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries) from which you or your customers prefer to order, and indicate why **PRODUCT** from these countries is preferred over product from other countries (please note the specific product in your response).

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- IV-5. Are certain grades/types/sizes of **PRODUCT** available from only a single source (domestic or foreign, including both subject and nonsubject countries)?

☐ No

☐ Yes--Please identify the source and the grade/type/size.

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- IV-6. Please indicate whether prices of **PRODUCT** from different sources have generally been higher, lower, or about the same as those of product from other sources. Please answer for all country combinations you are familiar with (as indicated in your response to the first question in Part IV), including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries.

_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Higher	<input type="checkbox"/> Same	<input type="checkbox"/> Lower	priced than from _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Higher	<input type="checkbox"/> Same	<input type="checkbox"/> Lower	priced than from _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Higher	<input type="checkbox"/> Same	<input type="checkbox"/> Lower	priced than from _____

- IV-7. If you purchased **PRODUCT** from one source although a comparable product was available from another source at a lower price, please explain your reasons for doing so (please specify by country, including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries). Possibilities might include transaction characteristics such as length of time to fill orders, minimum order size, reliability of supply, etc.

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**PART IV.--COMPARISONS BETWEEN IMPORTED AND U.S.-PRODUCED  
PRODUCT--Continued**

IV-8. If you purchased imported **PRODUCT** during 2001, approximately how much higher would the price for the imported product have to have been (over the price you paid) before you would have purchased U.S.-produced **PRODUCT** instead (please specify by country, including imports from both subject and nonsubject countries)?

Country \_\_\_\_\_ percent higher

Country \_\_\_\_\_ percent higher

Country \_\_\_\_\_ percent higher

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

IV-9. Since January 1, 1999, have the prices of U.S.-produced **PRODUCT** generally increased, decreased, or remained the same relative to prices of imported products (please specify by country, including imports from both subject and nonsubject countries)?

☐ Increased (specify countries \_\_\_\_\_)

☐ Decreased (specify countries \_\_\_\_\_)

☐ Remained the same (specify countries \_\_\_\_\_)

**PART IV.--COMPARISONS BETWEEN IMPORTED AND U.S.-PRODUCED  
PRODUCT--Continued**

IV-10. For the factors listed below, please rate how **PRODUCT** produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with **PRODUCT** produced in each of the other countries you identified (including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries). Copy this page as necessary to cover all possible country combinations and please attach any comments you care to make concerning your responses, especially in comparisons where you rate product from one country superior or inferior to product from another.

	_____ compared to _____		
	(specify country)	(specify country)	
	SUPERIOR	COMPARABLE	INFERIOR
Availability . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery terms . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery time . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discounts offered . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lowest price . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum qty requirements . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packaging . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product consistency . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product quality . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product range . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliability of supply . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technical support/service . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transportation network . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
U.S. transportation costs . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify):			
_____ . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**PART IV.--COMPARISONS BETWEEN IMPORTED AND U.S.-PRODUCED  
PRODUCT--Continued**

IV-11. For the factors listed below, please rate each in terms of its importance in your purchase decision for **PRODUCT**.

	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT
Availability .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery terms .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery time .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discounts offered .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lowest price .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum qty requirements ...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packaging .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product consistency .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product quality .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product range .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliability of supply .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technical support/service ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transportation network .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
U.S. transportation costs .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify):			
_____ .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**PART V.--PURCHASE PRICES**

This section requests quarterly price and quantity data concerning your firm's purchases of the following U.S.-produced and imported products from **COUNTRY** during January 2000-March 2002:

**Product 1.--DEFINE**

**Product 2.--DEFINE**

**Product 3.--DEFINE**

**Product 4.--DEFINE**

**COPY PAGES AS NECESSARY.** Complete a separate page for each of the specified products purchased by your firm. Indicate in the space provided the product for which pricing is reported.

**PURCHASES FROM U.S. PRODUCERS**

Product 1 ☐ Product 2 ☐ Product 3 ☐ Product 4 ☐

(Quantity in SPECIFY, value in dollars)		
Period of shipment	Quantity	Delivered value
<b>2000:</b>		
January-March		
April-June		
July-September		
October-December		
<b>2001:</b>		
January-March		
April-June		
July-September		
October-December		
<b>2002:</b>		
January-March		
<sup>1</sup> If your product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of your product: <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>		

**PART V.--PURCHASE PRICES--Continued****PURCHASES FROM U.S. IMPORTERS**Product 1 ☐ Product 2 ☐ Product 3 ☐ Product 4 ☐COUNTRY 1 ☐ COUNTRY 2 ☐ COUNTRY 3 ☐ COUNTRY 4 ☐

(Quantity in SPECIFY, value in dollars)		
Period of shipment	Quantity	Delivered value
<b>2000:</b>		
January-March		
April-June		
July-September		
October-December		
<b>2001:</b>		
January-March		
April-June		
July-September		
October-December		
<b>2002:</b>		
January-March		
<sup>1</sup> If your product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of your product: <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>		

**PART VI.--SUPPLIER IDENTIFICATION**

Please provide the names and addresses of your firm's 10 largest suppliers of **PRODUCT** purchased during 1999-2001. Please also provide the name and telephone number of a contact person and the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of **PRODUCT** that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2001.

No.	Supplier's name	Street address ( <u>not</u> P.O. box), state, and zip code	Contact person	Area code and telephone number	Share of 2001 pur- chases (%)
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					